

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

REBECCA DIANE MERKEL (2)

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CASE NUMBER 6:23-CR-00096-JDK

**ORDER ADOPTING UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
REPORT AND FINDING DEFENDANT GUILTY**

The Court referred this matter to the Honorable John D. Love, United States Magistrate Judge, for administration of a guilty plea under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Magistrate Judge conducted a hearing in the form and manner prescribed by Rule 11 and issued Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea. The Magistrate Judge recommended that the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea and adjudge Defendant guilty on Count One of the Indictment.

The parties have not objected to the Magistrate Judge's findings.

The Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea of the United States Magistrate Judge. The Court also accepts Defendant's plea but defers acceptance of the plea agreement until after review of the presentence report.

In accordance with Defendant's guilty plea, the Court finds Defendant Rebecca Diane Merkel (2) **GUILTY** of Count One of the Indictment, charging a violation of Title 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this 3rd day of April, 2024.

  
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JEREMY D. KERNODE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE